

NCASRI update

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Who is funding the audit and why participate?

- The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) is led by a consortium of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, the Royal College of Nursing and National Voices
- Its aim is to promote *quality improvement*, and in particular to *increase the impact that clinical audit has on healthcare quality* in England and Wales
- National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP) - covering the National Clinical Audit Programme and also the Clinical Outcome Review Programmes
- Funded by NHS England, the Welsh Government and, with some individual audits, also funded by the Health Department of the Scottish Government, DHSSPS Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands



Issue	Problem	Recommendation
Within the Major Trauma Centre		
Completion of the Rehabilitation Prescription (RP)	Although reported RP completion rates have increased over the last 3 years, compliance still varies between MTNs. Recording rates range from 52% to 98%.	All MTNs should ensure that patients with an ISS 16 or higher have a Rehabilitation Prescription.
Completion of the Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription (SRP) and associated tools for patients with complex rehabilitation needs	Less than half of MTNs are currently providing an SRP for patients who have complex rehabilitation needs. Completion of the tools recommended in the SRP is very variable.	All patients who have complex (Category A or B) rehabilitation needs at the point when they are ready to leave the MTN should have a Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription completed by a consultant or RMO, including the 4 Assessment tools, as recommended in the BSMF Core checklist.
Within the Specialist Rehabilitation Services		
Recording of data on functional gain and cost-efficiency for national benchmarking	The total generic qualification for specialist rehabilitation requires the recording of standardised measures within the SBROC dataset to demonstrate functional gain, reduction in dependency and cost-efficiency. The collection of cost-efficiency data (Northwick Park Dependency Score (NPDS)/NPCMs) on both admission and discharge into particularly good – with missing data for over a quarter of episodes.	All providers of Level 1 and 2 services should review their data regularly to ensure complete collection of outcome measures, particularly the NPDS/NPCM at both admission and discharge for the estimation of cost-efficiency. Not all patients are expected to make functional gain (especially if they are admitted for 'stabilisation management' or 'non-rehabilitative rehabilitation' – long periods, but in the case, specialist rehabilitation services should at minimum report cost statement loading.

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Completed and timely rehabilitation for patients with complex needs across the MTNs	The report highlights a stark variation of access to level 1 and 2 specialist rehabilitation across the 10 major trauma centres.	Commissioners and providers should work together to review their current capacity and pathways for patients requiring specialist rehabilitation following major trauma, and develop a local action plan to address any deficits.
Ensuring that completion of rehabilitation within the MTNs	Many MTNs do not have a Director of Rehabilitation to coordinate the provision of rehabilitation services.	MTNs that do not have a Director of Rehabilitation should recruit their funding allocations to ensure that it is met.
Specialist input from a consultant in RM from the early stages of trauma care	The MTN service specification for major trauma requires that an RM consultant should attend the MTN at least 3 times per week to assist in the management and transfer of patients. Only half of the MTNs meet this standard and a quarter do not have any designated post sessions for a consultant in RM. This is particularly a problem in London.	MTNs that do not currently provide sufficient funded sessions for RM consultants to meet the requirement should review their funding allocations to ensure that it is met.
Ensuring a sustainable workforce of RM consultants to manage trauma	Many MTNs do not have RM consultant input but advertised but failed to recruit suitably trained applicants.	The bodies responsible for current workforce allocations and training programmes within specialist RM should review workforce planning to ensure a sustainable supply of RM consultants trained in trauma rehabilitation.
Acknowledged shortfalls in service capacity for specialist rehabilitation	Although the majority of patients were transferred to specialist rehabilitation within the standard 10 weeks, this often meant transportation to their local district general hospital or trauma unit, resulting in unnecessary delay in appropriate care. A small number (under 100) were unacceptably long periods of up to a year. Highly dependent patients with neurotrauma or those with changing behavioural problems were most likely to face delays in transfer, due to limited bed capacity in the absence of a national wait for specialist rehabilitation between half and two-thirds of their Level 1 and 2 units reported under-commissioning, with waiting times before the national standard and insufficient staffing to manage a complex patient.	NHS and CCG commissioners should review their commissioned service capacity in specialist rehabilitation for trauma patients – especially within the Level 1a and high-dependence rehabilitation services. NHS and CCG commissioners should work with Providers to review their service contracts in order to ensure that the commissioned rates for Level 1 and 2 services are sufficient to provide safe and effective care that meets the national standard.

Progress after 18 months

- Unmet need identified in round 1
- We need to reinforce there is a problem of unmet need in the prospective audit
- Importance of identifying ALL patients with category A/B needs in the MTCs in order to identify the need
- We continue to find ways to help people to do this
 - Data collection methods

Network	MTC	Method
Northern (Cumbria)	Royal Victoria Infirmary Newcastle	TARN
Northern (North East)	James Cook University Hospital Middlesborough	TARN
West Yorkshire	Leeds General Infirmary	N/A
North Yorkshire & Humberside	Hull Royal Infirmary	TARN
Lancashire & South Cumbria	Royal Preston Hospital	Paper
Greater Manchester	Manchester collaborative MTC	UKROG/ TARN
Cheshire and Merseyside	Liverpool Collaborative MTC	ORION
South Yorkshire	Northern General Hospital Sheffield	Paper/TARN
	Royal Hallamshire Hospital	
NW Midlands & North Wales	University Hospital of North Staffordshire	Own system
Birmingham BC, Hereford & Worcs	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham	TARN
Central England	University Hospital Coventry	TARN
East Midlands	Queen's Medical Centre Nottingham	TARN
East of England	Addenbrookes, Cambridge	ORION
Thames Valley	John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford	N/A
Severn	Southmead Hospital	TARN
North West London	Hillingdon Hospital	Paper
	St Mary's Hospital London (Paddington)	
North East London and Essex	Royal London Hospital	TARN
South West London and Surrey	St George's Hospital London	Paper
South East London Kent & Medway	King's College Hospital London	Paper
Sussex	Royal Sussex County Hospital Brighton	ORION
Wessex	Southampton General Hospital	Paper
Devon	Exeter Hospital	ORION

Progress after 18 months

- Prospective data collection commenced in July
- Slow start but getting some data via TARN and ORION
- Section 251
- Importance of identifying ALL patients with category A/B needs in the MTCs regardless of where they are referred to or transferred to
- When patient is ready for rehabilitation

Thank you

- Any questions: Karenhoffman@nhs.net
- <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/IsM/research/divisions/cicelysaunders/about/rehabilitation/National-Clinical-Audit-.aspx>